State of North Carolina

MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

UNITED NATIONS DAY

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the United Nations was founded in 1945, with fifty-one nations, and its UN Charter came into force on October 24, 1945, a date commemorated around the world; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations membership has grown to one hundred and ninety-two nations working for the common good of more than six billion global citizens; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations is credited with negotiating more than one hundred and seventy peaceful settlements that ended regional conflicts and enabled people in over forty-five countries to participate in free and fair democratic elections; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations International Atomic Energy Agency, winner of the 2005 Nobel Peace Prize, works through its landmark international Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons Treaty to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations, working to achieve its eight Millennium Development Goals has helped raise worldwide immunization rates from five percent to eighty percent; helped make drinking water safe for more than one billion people; delivered two million tons of food each year to victims of wars and natural disasters; initiated new efforts to combat HIV/AIDS, malaria, and other diseases; and

WHEREAS, the United Nations Association has Chapters from the mountains to the coast to celebrate among North Carolinians the value of the work of the United Nations in our world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim October 24, 2008, as **"UNITED NATIONS DAY"** in North Carolina and urge all our citizens to commend this observance.

MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this third day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.